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SUBJECT: MEETING OF EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE IN DUBLIN,

JANUARY 23-24.

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SUMMARY: THE FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR, VAN WELL,
REVIEWED RESULTS OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN
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CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON JANUARY 30.

VAN WELL'S REMARKS COVERED MUCH OF THE SAME GROUND DEALT WITH IN REPORTING FROM DUBLIN AND OTHER EC POSTS. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS A FEW POINTS WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET SEEN MENTIONED AND WHICH APPEARED TO BE OF INTEREST. END SUMMARY.

1. CSCE: INSTITUTIONAL FOLLOW-UP. VAN WELL MENTIONED THAT HE WAS BOUND BY VERY STRICT INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS MINISTER, WHICH HAD BEEN IMPOSED UPON THE GOVERNMENT BY THE BUNDESTAG, NOT TO GO BEYOND THE DANISH PROPOSAL FOR A MEETING IN 1977 TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE. THIS MEANT THAT THE BRITISH SUGGESTION FOR YEARLY MEETINGS OF HIGH OFFICIALS ROTATING THROUGH CONFERENCE CAPITALS WAS DEFINITELY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE FRG, AS IT WAS ALSO TO THE FRENCH. VAN WELL STRESSED THE FRG'S STRONG DESIRE THAT THE US ALSO REMAIN FIRM IN OPPOSITION TO A "PREMATURE" FOLLOW-UP.

2. CSCE: FUTURE PROSPECTS. THE NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS THOUGHT THE CONFERENCE COULD BE CONCLUDED (PRESUMABLY AT THE TOP LEVEL) BY THE END OF JUNE, ASSUMING REASONABLE COOPERATION FROM ALL SIDES. THEY ASSUMED THAT A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION BY THAT TIME WAS ALSO OF INTEREST TO WASHINGTON BECAUSE OF THE POSITIVE IMPULSES IT MIGHT GIVE FOR AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE, ESPECIALLY IN CONNECTION WITH TROUBLE SPOTS SUCH AS THE NEAR EAST. VAN WELL MENTIONED THAT THE NINE INTENDED TO PROPOSE THAT CSCE BE INCLUDED AS THE MAJOR POLITICAL COOPERATION SUBJECT ON THE AGENDA OF EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR MARCH 10 MEETING IN DUBLIN. HE THOUGHT THAT A SIMILAR COORDINATING EXERCISE, PRIOR TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE, WOULD PROBABLY BE DESIRABLE IN THE NATO FRAMEWORK, CONSIDERING THAT EASTERN POSITIONS ON CSCE, AS IT MOVED INTO ITS FINAL PHASE, WOULD PROBABLY BE COORDINATED TO SOME EXTENT AT THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES.

3. CYPRUS. THE ONLY DEFINITE DECISION REACHED BY THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WAS THAT THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO

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COORDINATE THEIR VIEWS ON CYPRUS AND STUDY CAREFULLY, BOTH AS TO TIMING AND SUBSTANCE, WHAT, IF ANY, CONTRI-

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BUTION THE NINE MIGHT MAKE. ONE THOUGHT WAS THAT, IN LIGHT OF THE GREEK AND TURKISH DESIRE TO MOVE TOWARD FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC, A SIMILAR OFFER OF PROSPECTIVE FULL MEMBERSHIP MIGHT BE MADE TO CYPRUS. THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL EMISSARY TO TRAVEL TO ALL THREE CAPITALS TO ELICIT VIEWS ON EC ASSISTANCE WAS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED. THE EC-NINE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON CONFIDENTIAL

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SOUTHERN EUROPE AND THE MEDITERRANEAN (COUNTRY DIRECTOR LEVEL) PLANNED TO MEET ON FEBRUARY 7 IN DUBLIN AND MAKE PROPOSALS TO MINISTERS FOR THEIR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 13. ANY PROPOSALS THEY AND/OR THE MINISTERS MIGHT APPROVE WOULD IN ANY EVENT BE DISCUSSED WITH THE US BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION.

4. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. VAN WELL'S COMMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT REFLECTED THE SAME RESTRAINED OPTIMISM WHICH WE HAVE NOTED IN CONVERSATION WITH OTHER FRG SOURCES (CF. PARA 2 REFTEL). HE SAID THAT THE NINE ARE CONVINCED THAT SECRETARY GENERAL RIAD NOW REALIZES THAT EUROPE SIMPLY CANNOT MEET AT THE PRESENT STAGE WITH OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PLO. THE ARABS, FOR THEIR PART, CANNOT AGREE TO OPEN THE DIALOGUE FORMALLY WITHOUT PLO REPRESENTATION. THE GERMANS APPEAR REASONABLY CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT THIS CLARIFICATION OF OPPOSING POSITIONS WILL, WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, PERMIT THE OPENING OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EXPERTS UNDER THE AEGIS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EC AND ARAB LEAGUE PRESIDENCIES.

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